

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 have been cancelled. Original claims 19-24 are pending in the present application.

Enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement together with a copy of each listed document. Also enclosed is a copy of a response to a Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures (copy enclosed) mailed November 19, 2002 in the original application, together herewith an enclosed diskette containing an initial computer readable form (CRF) copy of a Sequence Listing, and an initial paper of the Sequence Listing. The enclosed Sequence Listing contains data, as included in Tables 2 and 3 at pages 14-16 of the subject originally filed application.

Applicants attorney has reviewed the documents listed on the enclosed form PTO-1449 and respectfully submits that each of the claims 19-24 of the subject application is patentable over all the documents listed.

It is believed that the present application is now in condition for allowance and allowance of each of the pending claims 19-24 is respectfully requested. Prompt and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner upon considering this amendment should find that a telephone interview would be helpful in expediting allowance of the present application, the Examiner is respectfully urged to call the applicants' attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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